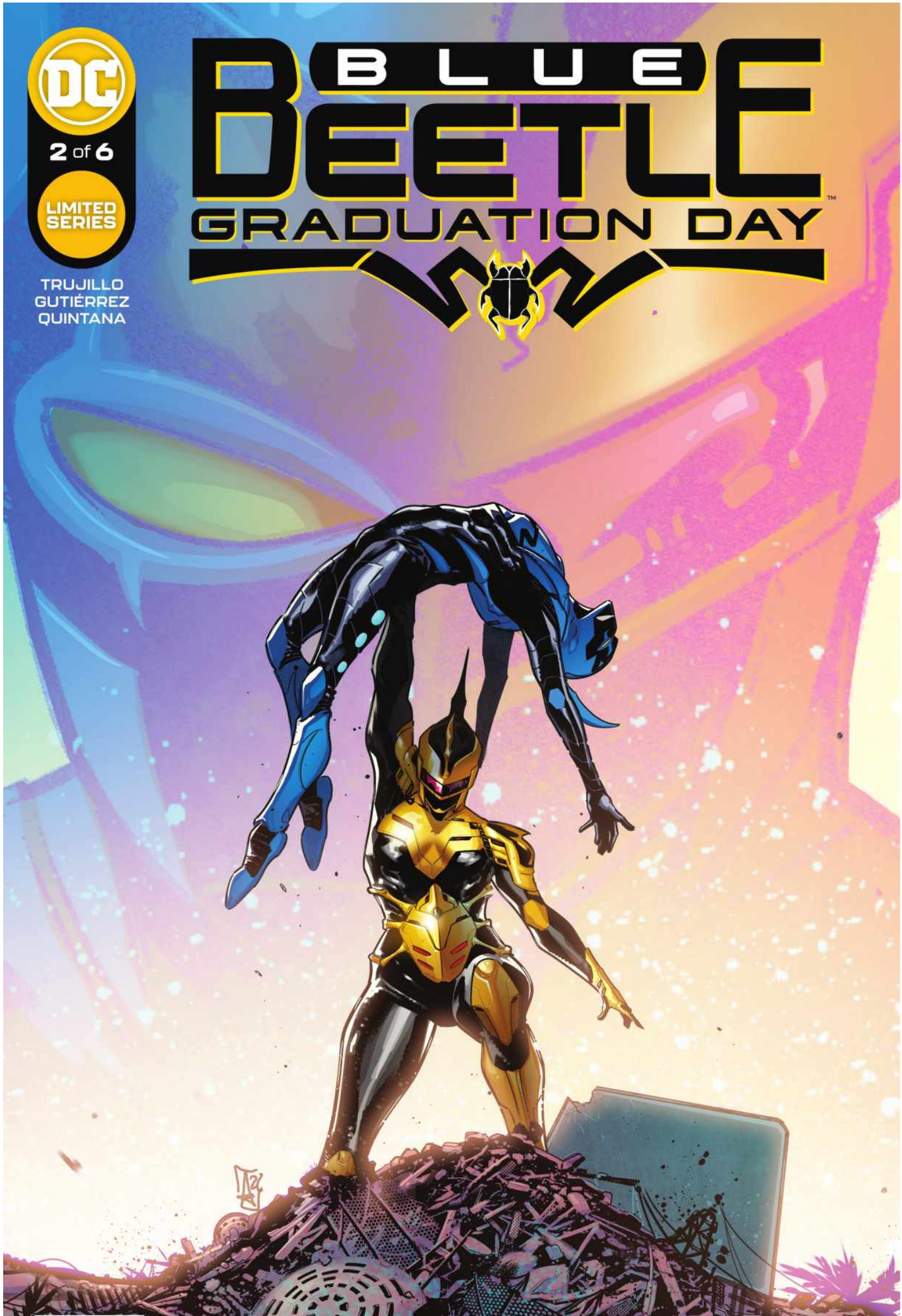
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WHO IS BRUCE WAYNE?

BATMAN

#131

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"The Bat-Man of Gotham"

...WEEKS AFTER THEIR FIRST SIGHTING IN EL SALVADOR, THE MYSTERIOUS "YELLOW BEETLE"--NOW IDENTIFIED AS DYNASTES--HAS APPEARED ALL ACROSS THE CONTINENT!
MEANWHILE, TEXAS'S OWN BLUE BEETLE HAS SEEMINGLY VANISHED!
WE SPOKE TO WONDER WOMAN OUTSIDE OF THE THEMYSCIRAN EMBASSY.
I ASSURE YOU WE ARE MONITORING THE DYNASTES APPEARANCES AND WILL UPDATE THE PUBLIC AS NEEDED.
AS FOR THE BLUE BEETLE, HE'S SAFE AND HAPPY.
OH, I'M THRILLED.
JAIME!
HELP!

ARE YOU GOING TO RUN THIS FOOD OR NOT?
MY NEPHEW THE SUPERHERO CAN'T EVEN HELP HIS AUNT!
LO SIENTO, TÍA GLORIA.
ME... DISTRAJE.
AS YOU MIGHT HAVE GUESSED, THINGS HAVE CHANGED FOR ME.
FOR ONE, MY PARENTS SENT ME PACKING TO PALMERA CITY.
AND TWO, SUPERMAN GROUNDED ME. THAT MEANS NO BLUE BEETLE.
SO I'M A RESTAURANT PROFESSIONAL NOW.
GRADUATION DAY
CHAPTER TWO
JOSH TRUJILLO WRITER
ADRIÁN GUTIÉRREZ ARTIST
WIL QUINTANA COLORIST
LUCAS GATTONI LETTERER
GUTIÉRREZ AND QUINTANA COVER AND 1:25 VARIANT COVER
RAMON VILLALOBOS VARIANT COVER
ANDREW MARINO EDITOR
KATIE KUBERT SENIOR EDITOR

CRASH!
WELL, MAYBE NOT A "PROFESSIONAL"...
OHMYGOSH!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING SERVING ME COLD BURGERS?!
I KINDA HATE IT HERE.
THESE DAYS I WORK AT MY TÍAS' DRIVE-IN, GLORIA'S DINER.
PEOPLE ARE SO MUCH RUDER IN PALMERA CITY THAN THEY WERE IN EL PASO.
FOOD SERVICE IS A LOT HARDER THAN BEING A SUPERHERO.
HEY, JESSICA CRUZ, ANY WORD ABOUT DYNASTES?
MMM... NOTHING NEW, JAIME. JUST HANG TIGHT, OKAY?
I WANT TO HELP WITH DYNASTES, BUT EVERYONE IS SO WORRIED ABOUT THE
I GUESS I'M JUST A NORMAL KID WITH A CRUMMY JOB.
WORKING LONG HOURS AT THIS DUMB DINER.
A WORLD AWAY FROM EVERYONE

HI PACO! HI BRENDA!
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUN TO SHOW YOU AROUND MY NEW HOME!
PALMERA CITY
THEY SAY PALMERA CITY IS THE FASTEST-GROWING CITY IN THE COUNTRY.
AND IT HAS BEEN THIS WAY FOR YEARS!
KORD INDUSTRIES
Bringing Palmera the best of tomorrow TODAY!
"IT'S BECAUSE PALMERA IS A HIGH-TECH BOOMTOWN.
"THE HUB IS WHERE THE SMARTEST MINDS IN THE WORLD MEET AND INVENT! YOU'D LOVE IT HERE, BRENDA!
"MY FRIEND TED KORD HAS HIS OFFICES HERE, TOO. WE'RE GONNA MEET UP LATER TODAY!
"KORD INDUSTRIES IS KINDA THE BIGGEST NAME IN TOWN.
Stadium Way Rogers Stadium
Drink SUNDOLLAR COFFEE!
AS SOON AS I CAN AFFORD IT, I'M GETTING ONE OF THOSE SELF-DRIVING LEXLAS!
SO, IN ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED YEARS...

BUT THE KEYS ARE WHERE THE ACTION IS. IT'S THE OLDEST PART OF TOWN.
AND THAT'S WHERE I LIVE!
"IT'S ALSO WHERE THE ART AND CULTURE AND COMMUNITY ARE!
"ALBUQUERQUE PIER HOLDS AN ANNUAL DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION THAT DRAWS IN PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER.
"SOONER OR LATER I'M GOING TO LEARN HOW TO SURF.
JIMENEZ STREET IS WHERE THE FIRST SETTLERS LIVED, AND IT HAS ALL OF THE BEST SHOPS.
MY ABUELA USED TO TAKE ME HERE WHEN I WAS A KID.
AND AT THE END OF THE STREET IS GLORIA'S DINER!
GLORIA'S
YOU'VE PROBABLY SEEN THAT CRAZY FOODIE EAT OUR FAMOUS "PUFFY TACOS" ON TV!
ANYWAY, I'LL HAVE TO SHOW YOU THE MUSEUMS AND EVERYTHING ELSE NEXT TIME. I MISS YOU GUYS A LOT!
COME AND VISIT SOON! HOPE
BECAUSE MINE ISN'T.

I'M RUNNING LATE--!
¡GUAU, ESTE EDIFICIO ESTÁ PADRÍSIMO!
WELCOME TO KORD INDUSTRIES.
I'M, UH... HERE TO SEE TED KORD, THE BLUE BEETLE!
THE SECOND BLUE BEETLE, I MEAN! TECHNICALLY THERE ARE THREE...
HUH?!
KHAJI DA, WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO--

KRAK
ARGH!
WHOOSH
DYNASTES!

I GUESS YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK THIS THROUGH?
FINE BY ME!
SHOOOOOOM!
=ULP=
KRASH

WHERE DID YOU COME FROM? DID THE REACH SEND YOU?
SCANNING YOU
WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?
QUIET, HUH?
OKAY, LET'S TRY SOMETHING ELSE!
SCANNING
--HUKK!
KRSSH

OKAY! NOW I'M GETTING MAD!
WAIT, THIS LAB IS FULL OF PEOPLE!
OH MY GOD!
RUN!
I NEED TO BUY SOME TIME FOR EVERYONE TO ESCAPE.
OH, THERE WE GO!
HEY!
DOLLAR-STORE BLUE BEETLE!
COME AND GET ME!
HA!
ZAPPO
CAAAK
KKK

ZZAAAAGHAAAAAZZ!
¡TE VAS A ARREPENTIR DE ESO!
¡ESPERA! ¡¿HABLAS ESPAÑOL?!
¡SOLAMENTE QUIERO--!

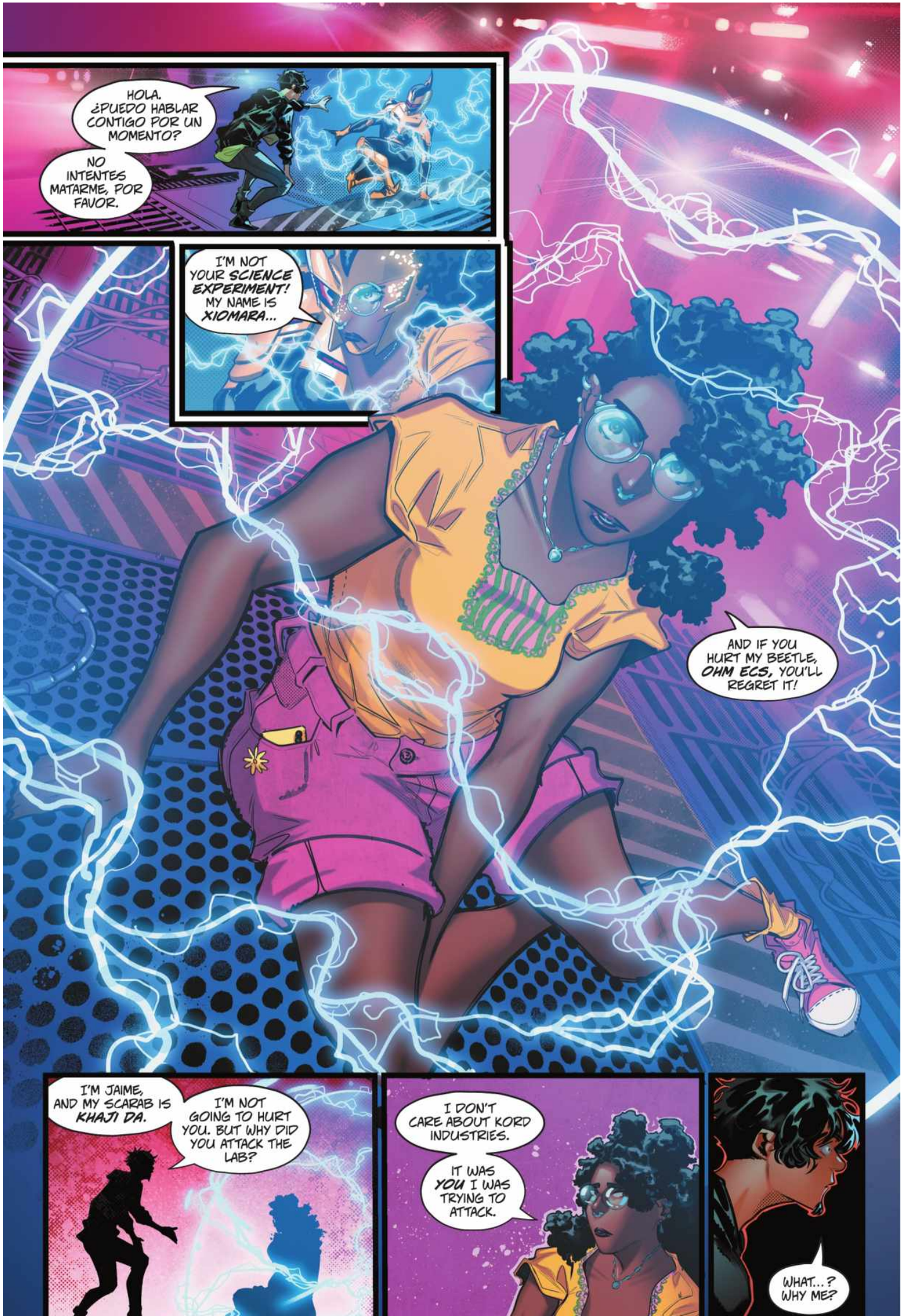
CRAAAAAK
DON'T WORRY-- I GOT YOU!
¡POR FAVOR! ¡NO TENEMOS QUE PELEAR!
WHAT?! NOT NOW, KHAJI DA!
I CAN'T REALLY, Y'KNOW, SAVE THE DAY IF YOU WON'T LET ME TRANSFORM!

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE LET ME SWITCH BACK!
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU, KHAJI?
WHAT IS WRONG, JAIME?
NO, NO, NO, NO, NO--!
KHAJI DA!
SPLOP
¿QUÉ?

DON'T WORRY, JAIME!
BLUE BEETLE
IS HERE!
¡OYE! ¿QUÉ ESTÁ PASANDO?
¡NO ME PUEDO MOVER!
THAT SHOULD KEEP YOU BUSY.
HOPEFULLY!

TED! COOL TECH...
ISN'T IT? ANTIKINETIC PLASMA GEL. THE MORE YOU STRUGGLE, THE STRONGER IT GETS!
IT'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN PLAYING WITH.
WE HAVE TO...
SAVE YOUR STRENGTH. WE'VE GOT THIS.
ARE YOU OKAY, JAIME?
I DON'T KNOW.
BLOOP
¡OYE!
WE'LL DEAL WITH THEM IN A MINUTE.
IN THE MEANTIME, I HAVE SOMEONE VERY IMPORTANT I WANT YOU TO MEET...

VICTORIA KORD!
MY BIG SISTER, AND CEO OF KORD INDUSTRIES!
I'M SO SORRY WE HAVEN'T MET BEFORE, JAIME. UNFORTUNATELY, MY WORK KEEPS ME TIED TO PALMERA CITY.
I RUN THE BUSINESS AND RESEARCH, WHILE TEDDY HERE PLAYS SUPERHERO WITH HIS MAN CRUSH--
I'VE TOLD YOU THIS A MILLION TIMES, SIS, WE'RE DEALING WITH THREATS TO THE TIMESTREAM!
I HOPE YOU KNOW HOW RIDICULOUS YOU SOUND.
OUR MISSION AT KORD INDUSTRIES IS TO POINT HUMANITY TOWARD THE FUTURE.
"ALIEN-DERIVED"? ISN'T THAT DANGEROUS?
WE MAKE OUR ALIEN-DERIVED TECHNOLOGY PATENT FREE, ALLOWING IT TO BE SHARED WITH OUR COMPETITORS AROUND THE WORLD.
YOU'RE RIGHT TO BE CAUTIOUS, BUT WE'RE DOING REAL GOOD HERE!
HUNGER? THE WATER CRISIS? DISEASE? WE HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO END THOSE THINGS FOREVER.
HUMANITY NEEDS A MIRACLE THESE DAYS, JAIME.
THIS IS IT.


HOLA. ¿PUEDO HABLAR CONTIGO POR UN MOMENTO?
NO INTENTES MATARME, POR FAVOR.
I'M NOT YOUR SCIENCE EXPERIMENT! MY NAME IS XIOMARA...
AND IF YOU HURT MY BEETLE, OHM ECS, YOU'LL REGRET IT!
I'M JAIME, AND MY SCARAB IS KHAJI DA.
I'M NOT GOING TO HURT YOU. BUT WHY DID YOU ATTACK THE LAB?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT KORD INDUSTRIES.
IT WAS YOU I WAS TRYING TO ATTACK.
WHAT...? WHY ME?

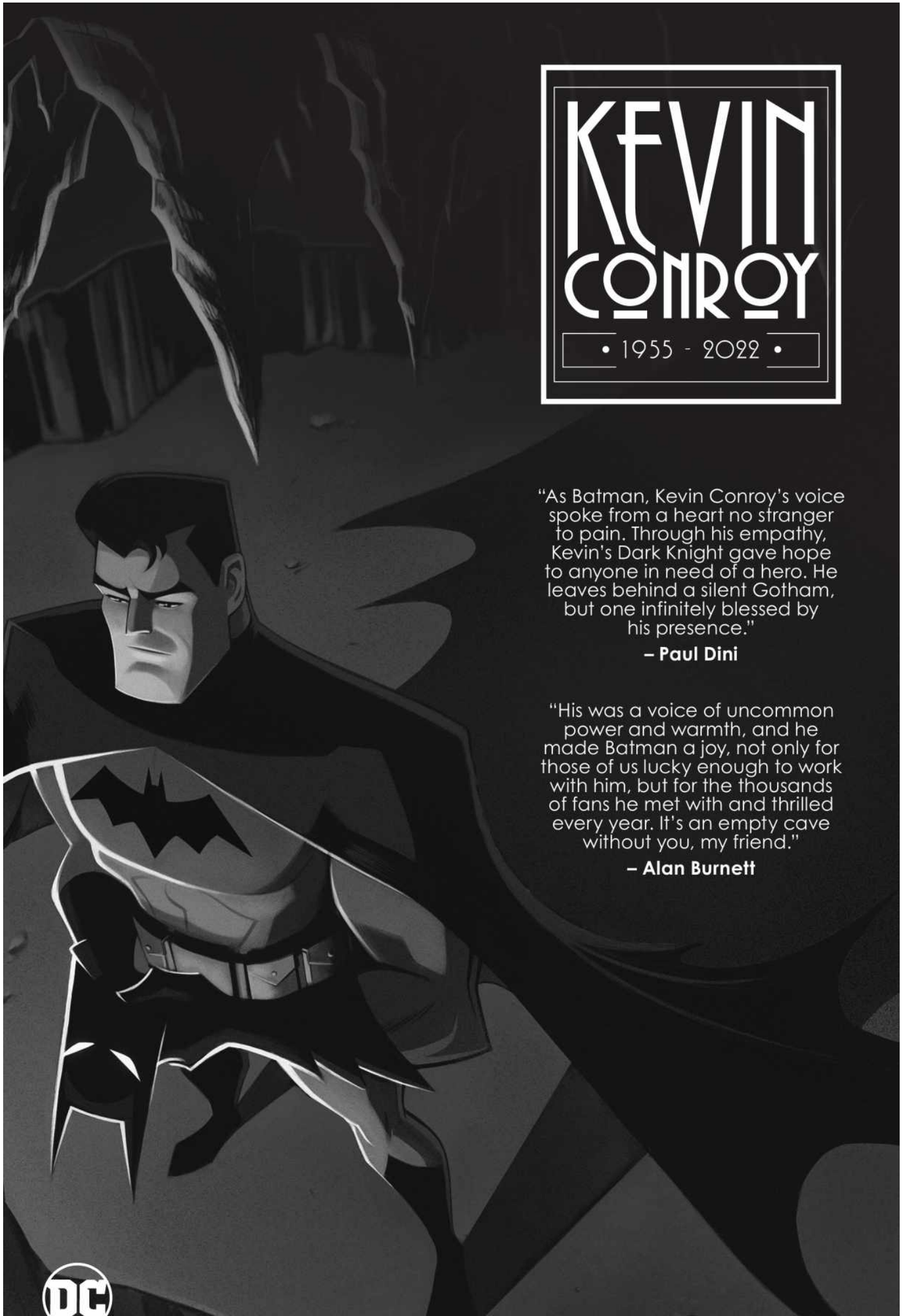
SOMETHING'S NOT ADDING UP. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, TED? WE CAN'T LEAVE HER IN A LASER BOX!
OF COURSE NOT. VICTORIA HAS A FACILITY HERE WE CAN HOLD HER IN FOR THE TIME BEING.
IT'S MUCH NICER THAN MY APARTMENT. HONEST.
XIOMARA, WAS IT? NICE TO MEET YOU.
I'M VICTORIA, THE ONE WHOSE LAB YOU JUST WRECKED...
ARE YOU SURE WE SHOULD BE DOING THIS?
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE RIGHT NOW, JAIME. SHE TRIED TO KILL YOU.
IT APPEARS XIOMARA'S BEETLE IS OUT OF CONTROL.
IT WOULD BE INSANE TO LET SOMEONE LIKE THAT RUN FREE.

I PROMISE THE HERO COMMUNITY WILL FIGURE THIS OUT.
KEEPING YOU ALIVE IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY.
WHATEVER THE REACH ARE PLANNING, IT WON'T WORK.
WE'LL BE READY.
DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT?
I'M NOT REALLY SURE I WAS IN CONTROL OF KHAJI DA BACK THERE. OUR CONNECTION'S... OFF...
DON'T SELL YOURSELF SHORT. YOU BOTH DID GREAT!
I BELIEVE IN OUR FRIENDS, AND SO SHOULD YOU.
HEY! I HAVE SOMETHING THAT WILL CHEER YOU UP--!
YOU'RE WORKING AT THAT RESTAURANT NOW, RIGHT?
HOW WOULD YOU FEEL ABOUT A PART-TIME INTERNSHIP?

I KNOW SUPES DOESN'T WANT YOU HERO-ING, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T HANG OUT WITH YOUR PAL TED NOW AND THEN.
I'M GONNA GIVE YOU A BADGE SO YOU CAN ENTER THE BUILDING WHENEVER YOU WANT!
BUT FOR TAX REASONS, YOU'LL HAVE TO BE UNPAID! SORRY!
IF THE REACH REALLY ARE COMING, I NEED YOU CLOSE BY.
WE TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER, OKAY?
YES! OF COURSE!
THANK YOU SO MUCH, TED...
"...THIS IS THE BEST NEWS I COULD HAVE EVER HOPED FOR!"
GLORIA'S

¡QUÉ DÍA TAN LARGO! ME ALEGRO QUE POR FIN PODAMOS RELAJARNOS JUNTAS.
¿TE QUIERES ACURRUCARTE Y VER EL PROGRAMA DE CAZADORES DE FANTASMAS?
¡NI SIQUIERA SON FANTASMAS DE VERDAD! ¡NO SÉ POR QUÉ TE GUSTA TANTO!
¿QUIÉN DICE QUE NO SON DE VERDAD?
TE AMO, MARISOL.
POR SIEMPRE, GLORIA.
DING DING
READ THE SIGN!
¡ESTÁ CERRADO!
¡AH! ¡POR FIN LLEGASTE!
SORRY. I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU'D BE UP.
YOU'RE WORKING A DOUBLE TOMORROW. YOU SHOULD BE IN BED!
BUT BEFORE YOU GO, YOU HAVE A FRIEND WAITING FOR YOU OUT BACK...
HUH?
"A FRIEND"...?

STARFIRE?!
THE PLANET IS PREPARING FOR WAR, JAIME REYES!
...AND YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STOP IT!
NEXT: THE HORIZON!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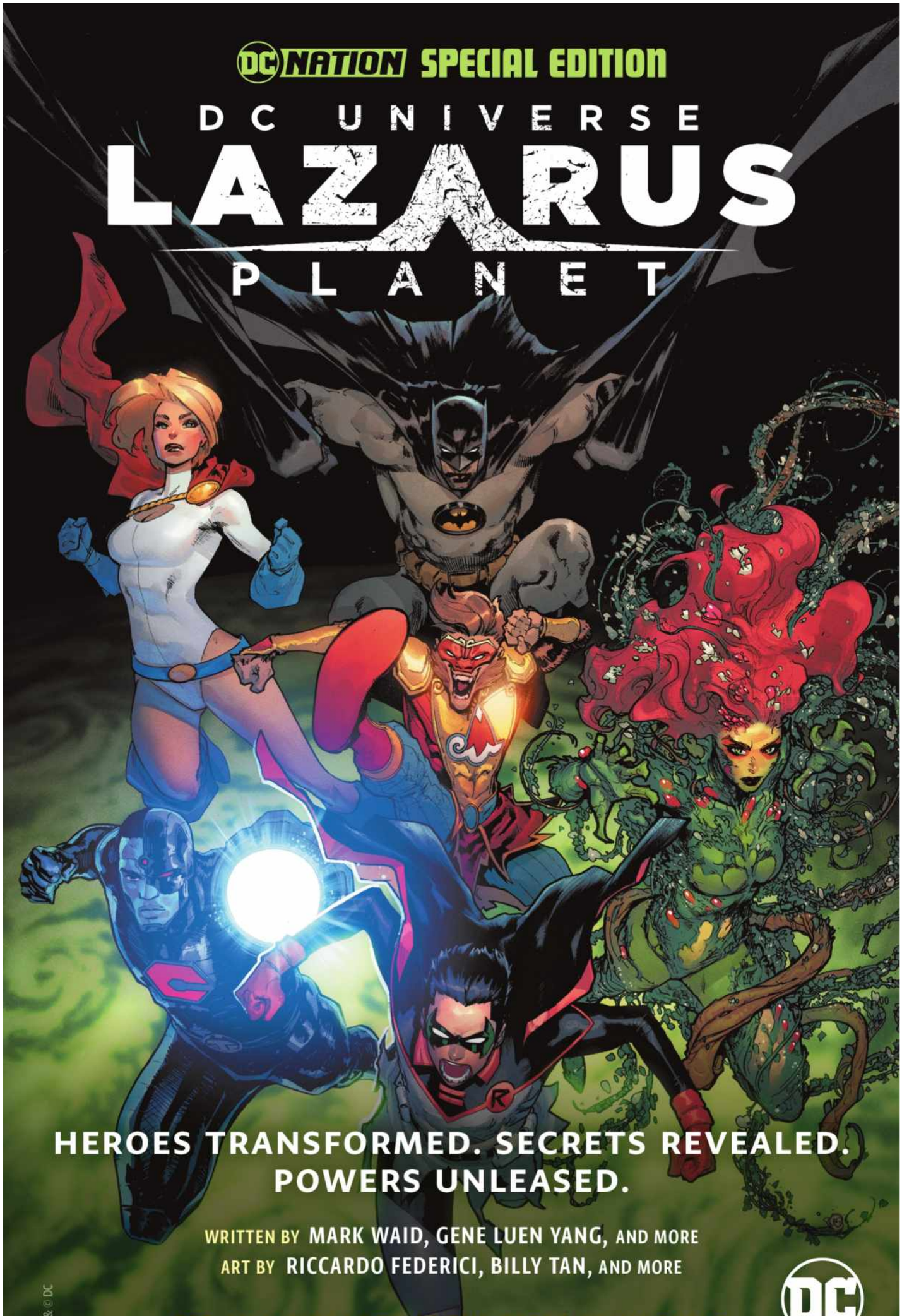
"As Batman, Kevin Conroy's voice spoke from a heart no stranger to pain. Through his empathy, Kevin's Dark Knight gave hope to anyone in need of a hero. He leaves behind a silent Gotham, but one infinitely blessed by his presence."
– Paul Dini
"His was a voice of uncommon power and warmth, and he made Batman a joy, not only for those of us lucky enough to work with him, but for the thousands of fans he met with and thrilled every year. It's an empty cave without you, my friend."
– Alan Burnett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LAZARUS
PLANET
HEROES TRANSFORMED. SECRETS REVEALED.
POWERS UNLEASED.
WRITTEN BY MARK WAID, GENE LUEN YANG, AND MORE
ART BY RICCARDO FEDERICI, BILLY TAN, AND MORE

"NEW HEROES WILL BE BORN AND EXISTING HEROES' POWERS WILL BE CHANGED FOREVER."

In the climax of December's *Batman vs. Robin* #4, a Lazarus Volcano erupts, spewing dangerous and transformative chemicals into Earth's atmosphere.

"That much magic can't be contained—so when it erupts it spews out Lazarus Resin and creates a violent 'rainstorm' that covers the world," explains Mark Waid, the superstar writer and architect of the DC Universe: Lazarus Planet event.

Waid has been no stranger to the DC Universe this past year, penning the bestselling series *Batman/Superman: World's Finest* and *Batman vs. Robin*, which set the stage for this event, beginning in January's *Lazarus Planet: Alpha* #1.

"In *Batman/Superman: World's Finest*, we introduced the Devil Nezha, an ancient evil that could be contained only within the tomb on a remote island," Waid says. "Once our heroes sealed him inside, we sprung the surprise reveal—the tomb is on Lazarus Island. Then in *Batman vs. Robin*, we learn that Mother Soul, Damian's great-grandmother on his al Ghul side, has been searching for Nezha and used Damian to unleash him once more."

"NEZHA IS A TRICKSTER GOD WHO OFTEN DANCES ON THAT LINE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL."

Helping craft the two-month Lazarus Planet event alongside Waid will be *Monkey Prince* writer Gene Luen Yang. "Traditionally, Nezha is a trickster god who often dances on that line between good and evil," Yang says. "In *Batman/Superman: World's Finest*, Mark brought him into the DC Universe and specifically tied him into elements of the Batman mythos."

The Lazarus Volcano will make its rumblings known throughout the DC Universe in a series of one-shots helmed by all-star talent, including Francis Manapul, Phillip Kennedy Johnson, Leah Williams, Max Dunbar, Clayton Henry, Tim Seeley, and Marguerite Sauvage. Fan-favorite heroes throughout the DC Universe will be heavily invested in uncovering the secrets behind the Lazarus Resin.

"Power Girl is part of the team that tries to free Earth's magical artifacts from the Tower of Fate, where Nezha has imprisoned them," Waid explains. "Poison Ivy, on the other hand, is part of the team exploring one of Ra's al Ghul's mountain headquarters looking for clues to counteract the resin. Ra's was aware of her background as a brilliant biochemist who, like him, is eager to reestablish a working ecosystem before our planet succumbs to global war."

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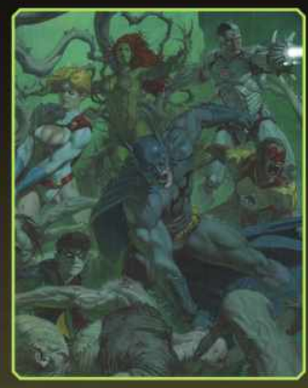


"The writers and artists are embracing that freedom to do some of the best work I've seen in a long time," Waid continues. "Everyone's been incredibly cooperative and willing to toss ideas back and forth to make their own stories even better."

The full scope of the story starts out in *Lazarus Planet: Alpha* and continues in the one-shot tie-ins *Lazarus Planet: Assault on Krypton*, *Lazarus Planet: We Were Once Gods*, *Lazarus Planet: Dark Fate*, *Lazarus Planet: Next Evolution*, and *Lazarus Planet: Legends Reborn*—all leading to the fateful finale in *Lazarus Planet: Omega* and the aftermath in *Lazarus Planet: Revenge of the Gods*.

After the events of Lazarus Planet, the gods of the Multiverse decide to take down the heroes they once called champions and the world they've sworn to protect.

The team of gods is led by Earth-0's wizard Shazam, who has been granted a vision from the Lazarus Resin the likes of which he has never seen before.

As if major changes to existing heroes and the introduction of all-new ones weren't enough, Lazarus Planet has a ton of surprises in store for even the most hardcore DC fan. "There's a fusion of Cyborg and Blue Beetle, a key role for Blue Devil, the mightiest bolt of Shazam lightning in history, Swamp Thing vs. Nezha, and a really, really, really ugly turn for Batman," Waid teases.

"Mark's premise for Lazarus Planet is so fun, the rest of us can't help but respond with all the creativity we can muster," Yang says. "Even as a fan, I can't wait to read what everyone's come up with."

LAZARUS RAINS DOWN!

LAZARUS PLANET: ASSAULT ON KRYPTON

Written by: Nicole Maines, C.S. Pacat, Frank Barbiere, and Leah Williams

Art by: Skylar Patridge, Scott Godlewski, Sami Basri, and Marguerite Sauvage

With the world in chaos and Lazarus raining from the skies, the Earth's protectors from Krypton are hit hard, and the heroes will never be the same again.

LAZARUS PLANET: WE WERE ONCE GODS

Written by: Francis Manapul, Dan Watters, Phillip Kennedy Johnson, and Josie Campbell

Art by: Francis Manapul, Max Dunbar, Jack Herbert, and Caitlin Yarsky

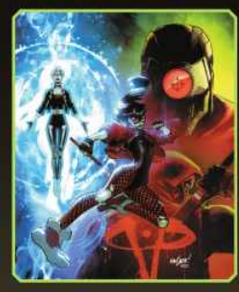
The gods are in for some big changes as Lazarus rain beats down upon the Earth. Explore the Lazarus Planet's effect on DC Universe's extraordinary creatures and locations involving the Shazam Family and the Rock of Eternity.

LAZARUS PLANET: LEGENDS REBORN

Written by: Alex Segura, Greg Pak, Alex Paknadel, and Dennis Culver

Art by: Clayton Henry, Minkyu Jung, Christopher Mitten, and Jesús Merino

Heroes and villains long forgotten return! Nightwing and the new hero City Boy go on a quest to save Gotham from a surge of fantastical power that will affect the DC Universe forevermore!

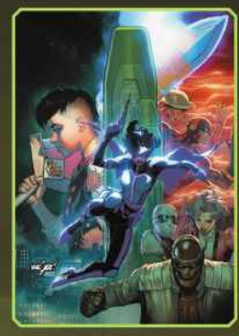


LAZARUS PLANET: NEXT EVOLUTION

Written by: Ram V, Brandon T. Snider, Chuck Brown, and Delilah S. Dawson

Art by: Lalit Kumar Sharma, Laura Braga, Alitha Martinez and Mark Morales, and Ro Stein and Ted Brandt

Amazing new powers have been gifted to the freedom fighters of the future. What perils will these villain-vanquishing virtuosos face alongside a brand-new legend, The Vigil?



LAZARUS PLANET: DARK FATE

Written by: Tim Seeley, Dennis Culver, A.L. Kaplan, and Alyssa Wong

Art by: Baldemar Rivas, Chris Burnham, A.L. Kaplan, and Haining

Who are the new villains created by the Lazarus rain and what heroes can stop them? A sinister threat will bring a new chapter to the Doom Patrol while a new danger lurks in the dark corners of the Spirit World for new character Xanthe?

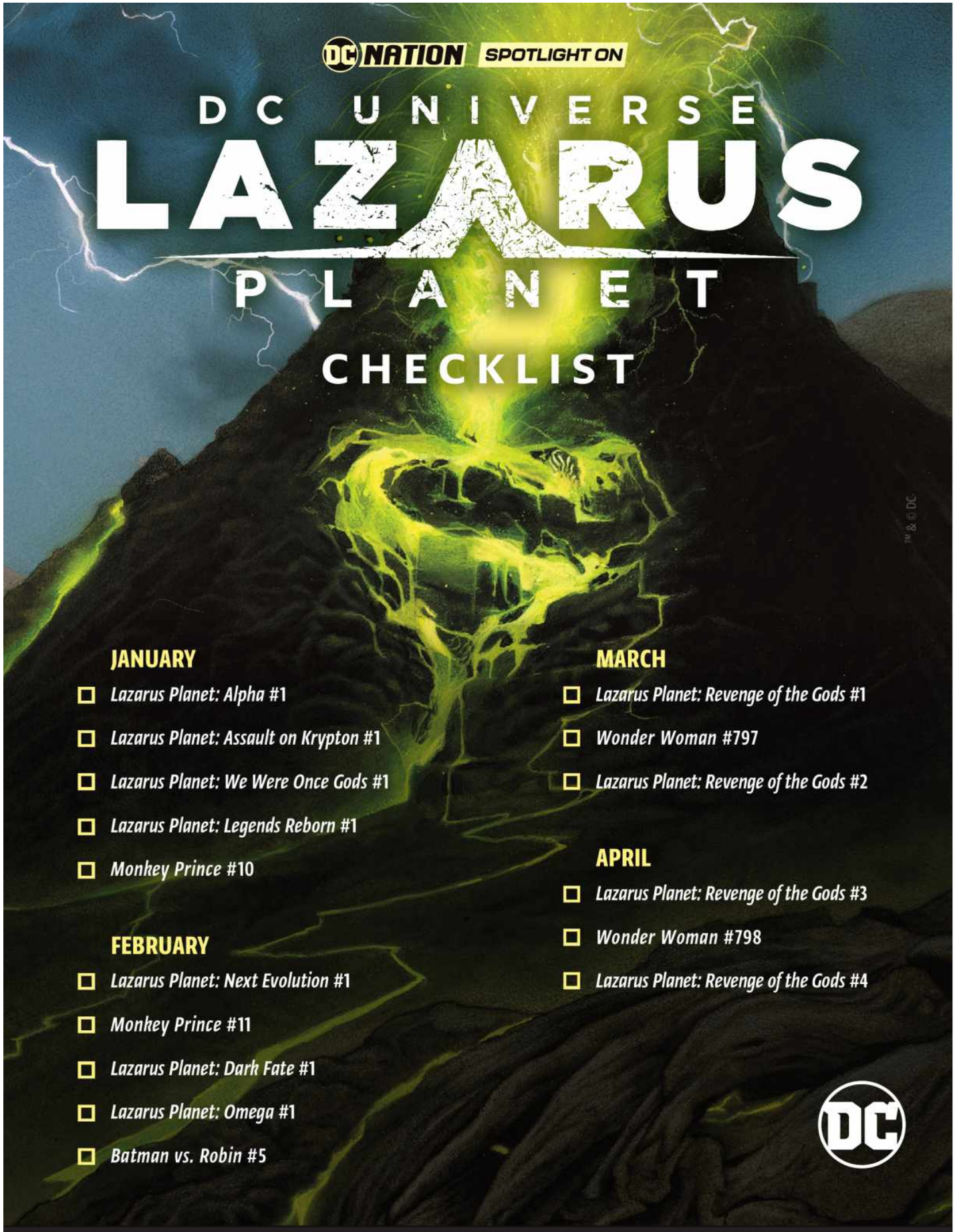
LAZARUS PLANET: REVENGE OF THE GODS

(COVER COMING SOON)

Written by: G. Willow Wilson

Art by: Cian Tormey & Caitlin Yarsky

The wizard Shazam has teamed up with the Quintessence to regain control of their champions. Shazam and Wonder Woman must work together and defeat the gods as they risk losing their powers for good.



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- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Legends Reborn* #1
- ☐ *Monkey Prince* #10

FEBRUARY

- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Next Evolution* #1
- ☐ *Monkey Prince* #11
- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Darh Fate* #1
- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Omega* #1
- ☐ *Batman vs. Robin* #5

MARCH

- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Revenge of the Gods* #1
- ☐ *Wonder Woman* #797
- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Revenge of the Gods* #2

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- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Revenge of the Gods* #3
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